

Abstract

1 A method includes retrieving an intermediate node policy characterizing
2 communication properties supported by an intermediate node, the intermediate
3 node being between a source node and a destination node in a communication
4 path. The method includes forming a first policy-compliant message in
5 accordance with the intermediate node policy, the first policy-compliant message
6 including a request for a destination node policy characterizing communication
7 properties supported by the destination node. A system includes a policy retriever
8 comparing a source policy to one to an intermediate policy to determine whether
9 the source policy is compatible with the intermediate policy. A message generator
10 generates a policy request message by applying the intermediate policy to a request
11 for a policy related to a destination node.
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